

House Resolution 1066

By: Representatives Holt of the 112th, Maxwell of the 17th, Coleman of the 97th, Jordan of the 77th, and Casas of the 103rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the National Association for Music Education and the First Lady of the United
2 States, Laura Bush, for their efforts on behalf of the National Anthem Project; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the National Anthem of the United
5 States in 1931 by an Act of Congress; and

6 WHEREAS, a recent Harris Interactive Survey discovered that of men and women 18 years
7 of age and older, 61 percent of those surveyed did not know all the lyrics of the first stanza;
8 of those who did, 58 percent had received at least five years of music education; and

9 WHEREAS, an ABC News poll revealed that more than one in three Americans do not know
10 the official name of the national anthem is the Star-Spangled Banner; less than 35 percent
11 of American teens can name Francis Scott Key as the composer of the National Anthem; and
12 as few as 15 percent of American youth can sing the words to the anthem from memory; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Association of Music Educators has taken a lead role in promoting
14 the National Anthem through the National Anthem Project to help remedy this concern; and
15 the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, has agreed to serve as the Honorary
16 Chairperson of the National Anthem Project and is lending her support and visibility to this
17 effort; and

18 WHEREAS, highest commendations should be extended to the National Association for
19 Music Education and the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, for their efforts on
20 behalf of the National Anthem Project.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 this body does hereby find it appalling the number of citizens of the United States unable to

1 correctly sing the National Anthem and we wholeheartedly support the National Anthem
2 Project.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all Georgia music educators to participate
4 in the National Anthem Project as promoted by the National Association of Music Educators.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the National Association of Music
6 Educators and the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, for their efforts on behalf of
7 the National Anthem Project and do thank Laura Bush for her willingness to lend her support
8 and visibility as Honorary Chairperson of the National Anthem Project.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the First Lady of the United States, Laura
11 Bush; the Governor of the Great State of Georgia, Honorable Sonny Perdue; the State School
12 Superintendent, Honorable Kathy Cox; David Circle, President of the National Association
13 of Music Educators; John Mahlmann, Executive Secretary of the National Association of
14 Music Educators; and Benny Ferguson, President of the Georgia Music Educators
15 Association.